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Invention:

AUTOMATIC SELECTION OF DATA RATE FOR OPTOELECTRIC DEVICES

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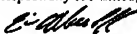
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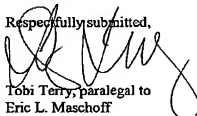
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